

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
	Leandro Villarreal	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Leonel Benavidez	Commissioner
	Jose M. Gomez	Commissioner
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Cristella De Leon Hernandez	Commissioner
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Sergio Zavala	City Manager
	Anthony Troiani	City Attorney
	Joselynn Castillo	City Secretary
	Dagoberto Chavez	ACM/Police Chief
	Hugo Perales	I.T Director

**1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

**2) ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Four members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum.

**3) INVOCATION**

City Manager Zavala was voice for those present by expressing an inspired invocation.

**4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal led in the pledge of allegiance.

**5) OPEN FORUM-**

- Mr. David Garza expressed his concern with the \$2 fee. Mr. Garza stated he would like to be de-annexed and commented about the monies owed to the outlet mall.
- Mr. Israel Coronado commented about the Elections and neglect in executive session.
- Mr. Jose Gomez expressed his concern with the City Attorney and the items that are requested but not placed on the agenda.
- Ms. Velda Garcia voiced her concern about the complaints process and stated she cannot contact the police.
- Mr. Leonel Benavidez expressed his concern on placing items on the agenda. Mr. Benavidez read a portion of the penal code and stated he has to speak in open forum because his items are not placed on the agenda.

**6) CONSENT AGENDA (ORDINANCE NO. 98-21):**

**A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MAY 14 AND MAY 19, 2020.**

**B.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08 TO APPROVE AN UPDATED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN.**

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item was passed unanimously.

**7) CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.**

Mr. Zavala commented about the infrastructure on Business Highway 83 to install a main waterline with the City of Weslaco. He spoke about storm Improvements being done with the Vactor Truck to clean the Inlets and Depression Cristobal that is likely to head north to Louisiana and stated that the gates are open.

**8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL OF A ‘NO MATCH’ GRANT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DIVISION, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) PROGRAM 2020**

Mr. Zavala addressed the Commission about a no match grant for public safety. The deadline to submit the application is June 15, 2020. Mr. Zavala stated the funding would go towards overtime, equipment, supplies for PPE, and Hiring.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal made a motion to approve. Commissioner Benavidez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote the item passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into executive session at 1:20 PM.

**8) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- **CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 (1) (A) REGARDING CONTEMPLATED ACTION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071(2) TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND INFORMATION PROTECTED BY ATTORNEY CLIENT COMMUNICATION PRIVILEGE REGARDING TO THE ACQUISITION AND DISSEMINATION OF PROTECTED INFORMATION.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal called the meeting back to order at 2:14 PM.

**9) GENERAL SESSION (RECONVENE): POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

No action was taken on the items discussed in executive session.

**10) ADJOURN**

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.